

LESSON  
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PRACTICE WORKSHEET B

COPYMASTER

# Categorizing and Classifying

**Directions:** Read the article about the literary genre, *fiction*. Answer the questions.

## FICTION: TELLING A STORY

Fiction is prose writing that tells an imaginary story. The three main types of fiction are the novel, short story, and play.

A short story is a brief work of fiction that can usually be read in a single sitting. A short story generally focuses on one or two major characters and on a single conflict.

A novel is a work of fiction that is longer and more complex than a short story. A novel's setting, plot, characters, and theme are usually developed in greater detail than a short story's. Types of novels include detective, gothic, and science fiction novels.

A play, or drama, is a form of fiction performed in front of an audience. The actors' dialogue and actions tell the story. The two major types of drama are comedy and tragedy.

1. What categories of fiction are mentioned in the article? On a separate sheet, begin a network tree with the topic "Fiction." Write the categories as heads.

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2. Under the network tree, write a sentence for each major category of fiction, telling what criteria are used to define that category.
3. Based on this article, which subcategories could go under the main headings? Complete your network tree with all the subcategories mentioned in the article.

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4. Based on the titles, under what fiction categories and subcategories would the following works *most likely* fall?

**Caesar's Tragedy** \_\_\_\_\_

**K is for Killer** \_\_\_\_\_

**Alien Invaders** \_\_\_\_\_

**Comedy of Errors** \_\_\_\_\_

5. Which graphic organizer would work best for taking notes on the article, a category chart or a network tree? Why?

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